

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 6-16 and 24-32 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. Claim 6 recited that "the electronic components are supported on a surface of the support platform that is opposite to a surface facing the top surface of the cleaning fluid". The rejection states that it is not clear how the component is supported on the platform from the opposite side of the component. It is respectfully submitted that this assertion is based upon a mis-interpretation of the claim language. The claim recites that the electronic components are supported "on a surface of the support platform that is opposite to a surface facing the top surface of the cleaning fluid." In other words, the "opposite" surface that is being referred to is a surface of the support platform, not a surface of the component. Referring to Figures 2A and 2B of the application, for example, it can be seen that the bottom surface of the support platform 14 faces the top surface of the cleaning fluid, and that the electronic components 12 are supported on the top surface, i.e. the "opposite" surface, of the platform 12. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that, when the claims are read in light of the specification, their meaning is clear to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

As discussed below, the subject matter of claims 6 and 24 has been incorporated into their respective parent claims 1 and 19. In making these amendments, the claim terminology has been revised to remove the basis for the rejection.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 19, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102, on the grounds that they are considered to be anticipated by Korean Patent No. 1992-0003879. (For the Examiner's reference, the Korean patent corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,971,920.) The remaining claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over the Korean patent in view of one or the other of the *Bok* '842 and *Bok et al.* '356 patents.

As discussed previously, claim 6 recited that the electronic components are supported on a surface of the support platform that is opposite to a surface facing the top surface of the cleaning fluid. Furthermore, claim 8 recited that the support platform includes fluid inlets that are in communication with the cleaning fluid for diffusing cleaning fluid to the surface of the support platform on which the electronic components are supported. Claim 9 further recites that the support platform includes fluid outlets for draining cleaning fluid away from the surface of the support platform on which the electronic components are supported. Analogous subject matter appears in claims 24, 26 and 27.

In rejecting the claims, the final Office Action does not address these claimed features. It is respectfully submitted that the *Bok et al.* patent, which was applied in the rejection of claims 6-15 and 24-32, does not disclose the combination of features that was recited in claims 6 and 8, or 24 and 26.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the currently pending claims are allowable over the references of record.
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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